

Community Interest Group Meeting
September 23, 1998

ATTENDEES:

Rodney Anderson, FETC
Donald C. Bailey, West Virginia Department of Highways
Bill Bechtel, Morgantown City Planner
Larry Bissett, FETC
Deborah L. Calevich, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
James L. Frost, local resident
Vicki Harbaugh, FETC
Larry Headley, FETC
Betty McClain, Morgantown City Council
Frances Ness, local resident
Mark Reasor, Suncrest Neighborhood Association
Bob Reuther, FETC/local resident
Frank Saus, local resident
Larry Schwab, local resident
James Sloan, West Virginia Department of Highways
Al Smith, local business owner
Guy Stewart, local resident
Jan Wachter, FETC

AGENDA:

FETC Process Development Unit (PDU) and Trucking Update
Transportation Update on West Run Bypass
Open Forum
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FETC PROCESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT (PDU) AND TRUCKING UPDATE:

- U** PDU construction is about 91% complete. Manpower shortages and budget limitations continue to hamper progress. These constraints are expected to persist into next year. Construction is now expected to be substantially complete by early spring 1999 pending receipt of certain final components.
- U** Shakedown is projected to begin mid-to-late spring 1999 once construction is complete and an operational safety review has been conducted.
- U** The first sulfuric acid truck could be needed early in shakedown, which means late spring or early summer. The first caustic soda truck could be needed shortly after that depending upon how well shakedown goes. Only one truck of each chemical will be needed for these initial shakedown operations.

- U Contract actions for the supply of the acid and caustic have not yet been initiated. This will begin as shakedown approaches. FETC will ensure that truck escorts are provided either through the supplier contract or by FETC, and will request deliveries to be made between 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE ON WEST RUN BYPASS:

Participants in the panel discussion:

- U Donald Bailey, Highway Planner, W.Va. Department of Transportation (study manager for the Monongalia County transportation study)
- U James Sloan, Highway Engineer, W.Va. Department of Transportation
- U Deborah Calevich, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (consulting firm performing engineering and environmental studies)

Mr. Bailey discussed the Monongalia County Transportation Study in general and summarized two issues that the study attempts to resolve: (1) access to the northern part of the city and (2) traffic congestion in the downtown area. The West Run Bypass is a proposed remedy to these issues. Mr. Sloan stated that the state is in the information-gathering stage and they cannot tell where the road connections will be at this time. This phase should be completed by October 1999. The construction plans may be ready in 2001. Public meetings will be held periodically. Ms. Calevich discussed environmental studies, building alternatives, drainage issues, economic impact studies, and social issues.

OPEN FORUM:

No issues.

NEXT AGENDA:

FETC PDU and Trucking Update

PDU Potential Emissions (Larry Schwab to send FETC specific list of questions)

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It was agreed by those present that the next quarterly CIG meeting, normally to be held in December, will be postponed until January.